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## REMARKS

New dependent claim 48 has been added. The remaining claims, all of which are allowed, are unchanged.

Dependent claim 48 is the same as dependent claim 41, except that "an epoxy resin matrix" is replaced by "a silicone material." Support for claim 48 can be found, for example, at page 15, lines 16-25, of the specification as originally filed.

Applicant asks that dependent claim 48 be entered and allowed.

Please apply the excess claim fees of \$50.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing 12406-003001.

Respectfully submitted,

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